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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 62.4 degrees, 3.2 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, September 16. Precipitation averaged 0.81 inches, this is 0.06 inches less than the historic level. The West Central district received the most precipitation with 1.68 inches, while the South Central district received the least at 0.33 inches. Growing degree days were 29 days below normal.

Reporters rated 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, September 14. This is 1.6 days more than last year and the same as the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 12 percent very short, 26 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Days Suitable			
	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2001	5.6	6.3	113.7
2000	4.0	6.0	102.7
1996-2000 Average	5.6	5.7	113.9

Topsoil Moisture				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	12	26	60	2
Last Week	11	24	63	2
Same Week Last Year	1	8	80	11
1996-2000 Average	15	26	54	6

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Reporters estimated that 86 percent of the **Corn** crop is dented. This is two days ahead of last year and five days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The corn crop is 26 percent mature. This is one day behind last year but one day ahead of the 1996-00 average. Corn harvested for silage is 52 percent complete. This is four days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. One percent of the corn crop has been harvested for grain. This is the same as last year but 10 days behind the 1996-00 average. Sixty-six percent of the **Soybean** crop is dropping leaves. This is five days ahead of last year and about eight days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Soybeans are 19 percent mature. This is three days ahead of last year. Three percent of the soybeans have been harvested. This is four days ahead of last year and one day ahead

of the 1996-00 average. **Alfalfa hay** third cutting is 94 percent complete. This is seven days ahead of last year and ten days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting is 42 percent complete. This is on schedule with last year. **Other Hay** third cutting is 78 percent complete. This is 12 days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The **Tobacco** crop is 61 percent harvested. This is four days behind last year. The **Winter Wheat** crop is one percent harvested. This is five days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Potatoes** are 64 percent harvested. This is 11 days behind last year but six days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Cucumbers** are 89 percent harvested. This is ten days behind last year. **Processing Tomatoes** are 68 percent harvested. This is one day ahead of last year and six days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Summer apples** are 99 percent harvested. This is six days behind last year. **Fall and Winter apples** are 19 percent harvested. This is six days behind last year. **Peaches** are 98 percent harvested. This is seven days behind last year. **Grapes** are 40 percent harvested. This is four days behind last year.

Activities throughout the state include plowing, mowing ditches, cutting clover seed, waterway construction and preparation, baling hay and straw, repairing equipment, hauling grain and manure, clipping wheat stubble, shearing Christmas trees, picking apples, peaches, and grapes, harvesting corn silage, harvesting late sweet corn, starting soybean harvesting and winter wheat planting, cucumber, potatoes, and other vegetables harvesting continues. Attending remaining county fairs as season draws to a close.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS
Field crops are showing the stress from lack of rainfall. In some areas corn ears are not completely filled out and soybeans are smaller and not completely developed and are looking poor. Reported insects included soybean aphids, ladybugs, spittle bugs, horse flies, face flies, deer flies, mosquitoes, diamond back moths, spider mites, leaf hoppers, and Japanese beetles. Reported weed problems include crabgrass, giant ragweeds, purslane, Golden Rod, lambs quarter, thistles, and mares tail. Fruit and vegetable crops were reported in good to excellent condition throughout the state.

Reporters rated 42 percent of the pastures in good to excellent condition. The corn crop is 54 percent in good to excellent condition. Soybeans are rated 55 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock were reported in mostly good condition. The cooler temperatures and low humidity the past week has helped with the livestock stress throughout the state.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	94	89	88	87	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	42	42	NA	24	NA
Corn dented	86	84	78	74	81
Corn harvested for silage	52	41	28	30	NA
Corn harvested for grain	1	1	2	NA	5
Corn mature	26	29	23	11	32
Cucumbers harvested	89	94	NA	81	NA
Fall and Winter apples harvested	19	26	22	17	NA
Grapes harvested	40	45	NA	18	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	78	64	65	69	NA
Peaches harvested	98	100	NA	89	NA
Potatoes harvested	64	85	58	59	NA
Processing Tomatoes harvested	68	67	56	52	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	66	53	47	32	22
Soybeans mature	19	15	NA	9	NA
Soybeans harvested	3	0	2	NA	NA
Summer apples harvested	99	100	96	89	NA
Tobacco harvested	61	73	NA	49	NA
Winter Wheat planted	1	0	0	NA	8

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	32	42	12
Previous Week	5	11	32	40	12
Previous Year	2	5	21	47	25
HAY					
Current Week	2	10	35	43	10
Previous Week	2	12	34	41	11
Previous Year	0	3	24	56	17
PASTURE					
Current Week	5	18	35	34	8
Previous Week	5	16	34	35	10
Previous Year	1	4	25	56	14
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	10	32	42	13
Previous Week	3	10	33	41	13
Previous Year	4	10	28	44	14

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	60.5	-4.3	1.21	0.39	19.80	0.92	84	-24	2867	156
North Central	61.1	-3.8	1.04	0.21	16.29	-3.19	76	-33	2814	147
Northeast	60.5	-3.2	0.56	-0.40	14.27	-5.66	75	-28	2594	66
West Central	62.5	-3.2	1.68	0.85	25.37	5.16	87	-28	2991	179
Central	63.3	-2.7	0.67	-0.27	21.24	0.06	88	-28	3005	161
Central Hills	61.5	-2.9	0.61	-0.30	18.25	-2.64	78	-29	2750	113
Northeast Hills	61.5	-3.4	0.63	-0.19	17.46	-3.22	79	-31	2739	56
Southwest	63.6	-3.6	1.01	0.09	25.73	4.21	88	-35	3124	137
South Central	64.7	-2.8	0.33	-0.45	22.19	1.18	96	-30	3155	143
Southeast	63.5	-2.5	0.34	-0.50	21.14	-0.02	89	-29	2930	86
STATE	62.4	-3.2	0.81	-0.06	20.50	-0.02	85	-29	2913	126

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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